

# Publications Announce New Editors

## Forsgard Assumes Yearbook Command



Photo by Mitchell  
Karen Forsgard, a new girl in school, but one who has already proven her enthusiasm for school activities.

by Judy Wildman

A new arrival at PHS, Karen Forsgard has come just in time to assume the editorship of the 1968-69 Dome. She brings with her a friendly outlook, an easy ability to make friends, and a keen interest in all activities. She belongs to the GAA and participates in the after school sports of badminton and swimming. She is an active member of the Debating Club and often continues her debates far outside the realm of club activities. Karen is a member of the English and History Honors programs and hopes to pursue a career of writing after college. We wish her luck with the yearbook and know that she is well-qualified for her position.

Assisting Karen on the Dome will be the following staff editors: Literary Editor, Marcia Culver; Art Editor, Helene Giffos; Curriculum Editor, Elizabeth Barbour; Activities Editor, Pamela Metzler; Essay Editor, Betsy Gregory; Honors Editor, Susan Gardner; Girls' Sports Editor, Edith Bach; Boys' Sports Editor, Stephen Green; Photography Editor, Bill Rodrigues; Senior Editor, Louis Pictrowski; and Layout Editor, Bob Eckart.

## Yes, Virginia

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student body's vote. Perhaps some new problems have come to light which influenced this move, but there still seem to be some very questionable points concerning the Student Councils actions. The Council complained about the poor attendance at the same meeting in which they made this very important decision. They made no attempt to let the student body know that they were considering the tests, nor did they make any effort to have students make known their opinions before a vote was taken. At the very least the Student Council should have brought the issues to the students and encouraged debate in the school's publications.

Even the election of Student Council members is suspect enough to make one question their legitimacy in making such a profound decision. The homeroom representatives in our student government are often picked arbitrarily by homeroom teachers, and the slate for Student Council is sent to the homerooms where few students even know more of the students on the slate than the number they are told to vote for to make up this body. Yet this hardly representative group felt it within their power to cancel something that the entire school had originally asked to try.

Maybe it isn't worth the time to have two hour tests. Maybe it isn't worth the trouble to have a truly democratic and representative government. But if it isn't, than one becomes hard pressed in saying what is.

William Levy

## Pen Selects New Force

by Judy Wildman

Chosen as editor of next years "Students Pen," Carol Pepperman is a girl very talented in the literary field. She has served as Alumni Notes editor of the Pen during the past year and is well acquainted with her new position. An English and History honors student, Carol is a member of the Pep Club and GAA and this past winter has become interested in skiing. She tutors in the afternoon at the First Methodist Church and uses the rest of her free time to read. Carol plans to major in English and pursue a career in this field. Her work on the Pen will certainly provide invaluable experience for the field she is considering.

Assisting Carol on the Pen will be Judy Linscott and Carl Greenberg. Judy is already pursuing a busy schedule consisting of English and History honors, membership in the Pep Club, GAA, and Writers and Illustrators, and co-chairmanship of the Special Events Committee. She fills up her spare time with tutoring at St. John's Hall several afternoons a week, and teaching cooking and Sunday School classes. An enthusiastic McCarthy supporter, Judy works at the North Street Headquarters and in-

door-to-door canvassing. Judy is at present uncertain about her future and is tentatively considering careers in writing, advertising, and social work, fields she is experimenting with in her after school activities.

Carl has been a regular contributor to the Pen throughout the past two years. Quiet and reserved, he is an avid reader and as he says an "observer of people." A member of the Pep Club and the United Synagogue Youth Organization, Carl enjoys skiing, baseball, and chess for recreation. He is presently enrolled in the English honors program but would like to major in biology at Stanford University after graduation. He is looking forward to a scientifically oriented career as a biologist.

Assisting these three on the Pen will be the following staff editors: Features Editor, Linda Rapkowitz; Essay Editor, Richard Levinson; Poetry Editor, Jennifer Douglas; Girls' Sports, Linda DeGallo; Boys Sports, Tom Sacchetti; Language Editor, Patricia Hyde; Short Story Editor, Laura Leon; School Notes, Jeanne Easley; Exchange, Carol Vandergriфт; Photography, David Bolson; Business Manager, Dianne Hunt; and Art Editor, Ellen Metropole.



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Here are the three brave souls who will take over the PEN next year: left to right, Carl Greenberg, Carol Pepperman and Judy Linscott.

## Memorial Services ...

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*In some small degree I think this country honors him because people recognize in an imperfect way that he spoke, and acted out, a deep truth - the truth that we all have to learn a new way of struggling or we run the risk literally of destroying ourselves. But I am afraid that there is one primary reason why this country is honoring Dr. King. That is that he preached nonviolence to black people. And the white people of this country have a dream - less brave than the dream of Dr. King; the dream that those against whom we have trespassed will forgive us our trespasses; those we have injured will refrain from injuring us in turn. Dr. King is honored above all because white people saw in him a hope that we could be spared the fire.*

In light of the expression of this opinion, what is it that our own memorial service emphasized? Non-violence, NOT because violence is morally wrong as Dr. King would say, but instead because "it is harmful to the Negro cause and destructive to America." Though Dr. King would have cited the two latter reasons as further support for his non-violence argument, he never once used them as primary arguments against violence but instead as very secondary arguments. The implications of this are extremely important.

P.H.S and the rest of America hardly came to grips with Dr. King's great theory of non-violence. We have continually emphasized non-violence as an end for American blacks and not as a means to an end for all America. We have not cited violence as morally evil but instead have cited it as destructive to property and to the communication between whites and blacks. We have condemned violence as unworthy of gaining objectives in America; we have emphasized that law and order must be kept and yet ironically, while we honor the memory of

Dr. King when he recommends that blacks not resort to violence, we ignore him when he condemns U.S. actions in Vietnam as illegal, immoral, and wasteful.

Though I do not imply that it was intentional, the speakers at our assembly wrapped the whole non-violence argument up into a sentimental little ball to be handed as a consolation prize to American blacks. They missed the stature of the man as a moral giant among cripples. They ignored the fact that his was a cry for non-violence everywhere and that includes policies directed by our State Department. They included the fact that Dr. King opposed violence among the disenfranchised ghetto Americans who have received 100 years of Christian promises that have largely never been kept. Yet our speakers failed to give the real reason why he opposed violence; they substituted the "Uncle Tomish" condemnation of destruction of property instead of the powerful true cry of righteous indignation over a condition that is intolerable. They harped upon the fact that it would not have been the wish of Dr. King to have ghetto Americans riot, ignoring completely the fact that it was the fervent prayer of Dr. King that there be no ghettos.

The message of Jesus Christ, of Ghandi, of King was not to bring the peace of lethargy, the peace that brings just the survival of material things for some people, the false peace of oppression. Their message was the peace of the non-violent sword, the peace that cries not for the salvation of material things, but the peace that requires that dignity be given to all men. And Pittsfield High School and the rest of America never understood.

Gregory Sammons

# Wildman, Brown, Massimiano Form '68-'69 Editorial Trio

In General Editors for the coming school year, 68-69, have been chosen and are ready to assume the managerial duties for the last issue in June. Judy Wildman, who has been Assistant Editor, will become Editor-in-chief. Her Assistant Editors will be Barbara Brown, a Junior, and Paul Massimiano, a Sophomore.

## Judy Wildman Takes Over

As Editor-in-chief

Judy brings with her a year's experience of writing, editing, and laying out articles. She possesses a knack for critical evaluation and pointed questioning, and the ability to find humor in strained situations. Besides these factors, a variety of other activities keeps her well-informed on school activities and current events. With a background of English and History honors, Judy

has developed a concise, clear style of writing. She is also involved in school as a member of GAA, the Pep Club, and Essay staff of the Students' Pen, as a Cadette officer, and as a Homeroom treasurer. Outside of school, she takes five complete courses at Hebrew School, is Vice-President of USY (United Synagogue Youth) and will take a study-tour of Israel this summer.



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Bored with his new friends, Judy Wildman and Barbara Brown, Paul Massimiano falls asleep on his first assignment.

## Barb Brown Steps Up As Assistant Editor

Barb Brown, a more quiet but no less talented girl than

Judy will become Assistant Editor. This year, Barbara has written a series of feature articles on important people in the community. A member of GAA and Pep Club, she has also written for the Features Staff of the Pen and served as Homeroom treasurer. Her primary in-

terests, however, rest with outside sports activities. In the fall and spring, she plays tennis and golf and competes in summer tournaments; for the last three years, she has participated in the western New England tennis tournament. Skiing fills her free winter hours and during the rest of the year she enjoys horse-back riding and squash. Barbara would like to attend Wellesley College and pursue a career in psychology or math.

Paul Massimiano

## Becomes Associate Editor

The third member of the trio, Honor Roll Student Paul Massimiano, will also be spending his summer abroad. He plans to participate in the American Institute of Foreign Studies at La Rochelle, France. Until then, Paul will still remain busy in school as a member of the Student Council, track team and sports staff of In General, and as a Homeroom representative.

# In General

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## Pittsfield High-Lites

by Mary Beth Phair

Along with the signs that spring is definitely here, there are some obvious indications that the class of '68 has almost completed their reign as Seniors. Both the Dome and the Students' Pen have announced their editors for next year, and this publication plans to soon follow suit. The Seniors would like to wish everyone involved a successful year with the assurance that you will never equal our achievements.

The Class Play, has again been presented, and, as usual, received fantastic reviews from well-known drama critics. The cast and stage crews, and of course, the co-chairmen Rick Smith and Karen Downey and the director Mr. Sage, are to be commended for their hardwork which enabled the audience to spend a pleasant evening viewing the wonders of "Oklahoma."

On April 26, an Athletic Awards assembly honored many of our talented athletes, including Dan Scace who deserves special praise for his selection as the best scholar-athlete in the Western Mass. Conference. Although their seasons are only beginning, the track team promises to add one more championship to Coach Benedetti's long string, and the Baseball team, aided by their strong pitching staff, also looks like first place material.

Twenty-one sophomores have been chosen to join the ranks of the Cadettes. They greeted the news with the usual tears and screams of joy, and their Senior contemporaries intend to match their exuberance by returning from their weekend at Cape Cod in a blaze of color (bright red)! In closing, I would like to give one word of advice to anyone who makes a habit of singing current popular songs aloud. One line of a recent hit is apt to get an unfavorable reaction from many senior girls. If you know what's good for you, you'll avoid singing, or even humming, "Are you going to Scarborough Fair?"

## Oklahoma Points Up PHS Talent

by Pam Pepper

PHS is busting out all over with talent this season, and "Oklahoma" is the smashing result. We not only have our own actors and actresses, but also our own choreographer, Jane Perlman and our own directors, Mr. Sage and Karen Downey. The wild west of Oklahoma just before it became a state is the background for romance, violence and roofoo tooth action, including a boxsocial complete with

Honert, showed a new way to get rid of competition - suggest suicide to him, and for a moment, I thought it was going to work. I hope you checked the farmer with the red beard singing "The Cowman and the Farmer Should be Friends." Was that Rog? Val Novick certainly fit the part of Aunt Ellen, and Debbie Green-gold as Laurie certainly deserves a bouquet for her singing and acting. I hope Debbi plans to continue in the theater; we may see her name in lights someday! The



Photo by Mitchell

We are proud to announce the winners of the regional corn-husking contest who have donned their Sunday best for a big night at PHS.

a square dance unmatched by any competition from the Boys' Club. Did you ever see a cowboy dance, or a Persian say good-bye? Well, I've never seen anything like Oklahoma for fun and enjoyment, everyone giving their all for a production that makes me say "I'll be damned if it ain't just as good as Broadway!"

No kidding, "Oklahoma" was so fantastic that superlatives just aren't enough. It is obvious how many hours of work were put into the show, and only wish I could mention the names of all those who did such a tremendous job. One cowboy, "Pete" van den-

# Race Tension Hits Home

by Richard Kennedy

Wednesday, April 10, some 20 to 30 students at PHS met in the auditorium to take some ACTIVE steps on the problem of race relations in the city of Pittsfield. They argued for over an hour and left with nothing done. The next day about 40 to 50 students, (the majority Sophomores), came to another meeting, which resulted in the election of a five member steering committee in which there was to be no president or officers. This was to avoid the expression of one person's ideas as those of the group. Nevertheless, the result was, and still is, utter chaos. I feel that the group should have a leader; at the meetings were many of the best workers in this school and I do not think they will stand for lack of leadership. A similar problem exists on the national level. Much more could be done if small groups could be united.

However, I'm not going to talk of the national problems. Instead, I'd like to concentrate on our problem in the city of Pittsfield. I feel this city has a problem which can easily be eliminated by a concentrated, united effort of both races.

What are the problems? Housing Discrimination

1) There is definitely discrimination in housing. The Negro is practically limited in housing to

## Student Council

Sue Termohlen has been elected to serve on the Council for the remainder of the year to replace Kathy Connor.

The Council is planning their annual car wash for June 1 from 9 to 5. Tickets will be available from members; the cost is \$1.00 per car. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Council members. The money realized will be used for a scholarship for this year's Senior class.

The Council is advocating the institution of a Negro history course into the high school curriculum. Karen Downey and Richard Kennedy have proposed an outline of topics that may be covered in the course.

the West side slums of urban Pittsfield. First there is a need for Urban Renewal in this area. Then Scattered Housing programs should be instituted so that Negro and White citizens may become neighbors, thereby setting the stage for a completely unified culture. Yet, with scattered housing comes a responsibility that mustn't be overlooked - the responsibility of each person to maintain the value of his property in order to remain a welcome member of the community and to eliminate the possibilities of further slum areas.

Need For Racial Unity  
2) I feel that by creating a stronger feeling of Nationalism among both Negroes and Whites, certain other problems may disappear. Each of us is, above all, an American, and although our color may not be the same, our ideals are. Therefore, I do not find an answer in a separate Negro History course, but in a Negro History course incorporated into U.S. History and in the development of a Contemporary Problems course. This last could cover not only the racial problem but also Vietnam and such things as the economic situations of the U.S. and the world. These courses would make more responsible citizens.

3) At least two weeks of the remaining few left in this year could possibly be used by History, Economic, and even English classes to delve somewhat into Negro problems: reasons behind the riots, what can be done to prevent the riots, and how the problems which cause them may be eliminated.

Community Center for Negroes  
4) Another possibility is a Community Center for the Negro. Formerly I was against it because with the Boys' Club, the Girls' Club, the YMCA and the CYC, it seemed there were plenty of recreational centers in Pittsfield. However, I was introduced to a new angle, in which the Center would be a symbol of accomplishment and pride for the Negro community, in effect, something like the Jewish Community Center and CYC are to their respective religions. The buildings belong to them but are at the

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## EDITORIAL

### Student Council Oversight

It is obvious to us that the recent Student Council decision to oppose the Final Exam system has created much debate, some of it heated. Certain students feel justified in attacking the whole format of the Council because for once they have voted for something which seems contrary to the wishes of the majority of students. The Student Council is now being accused of apathy, laziness, ignorance, misrepresentation, and of failing to inform the student body of its moves. Some of these failures are real, but only to an extent. Certainly they do not warrant complete rejection of the Student Council's authority and positive value to the school.

All the furor over the exam issue stems from the fact that the student body has not been informed of the actions of the Council during the year. Because of this, the matter of exams was not widely discussed, and the vote rather astonished most students. If they had been aware of discussion topics at meetings, they would have known a few of the reasons for the negative vote (see letter to editor by Schultz), and they would not have been so indignant that they were not polled. Also, let's not be so naive as to think that a simple Council vote changed the whole system. Since when have high school students had final say in curriculum changes? Certainly, the administration has complete and final authority in such matters. Obviously, it was exercised in this case.

Nevertheless, the incident has pointed up a legitimate fault in this year's Council. Students are ill informed as to decisions and activities and to Mr. Murphy's opinions on matters. Perhaps the minutes of the meeting could be posted on bulletin boards every week as was done last year, or they could be appended to the daily bulletins. Such action might eliminate the confusion that has resulted in the case of final exams. K.C.

### As We See It

... Although the Juniors' car wash was a great success, it is probable that it will affect the turnout at the Student Council one to be held later this month. Since the Student Council depends on an annual car wash to raise money for a scholarship, it was unfortunate that the Juniors chose the same activity to raise funds for their class. . . . Despite Mr. French's assurance that graduation practice will be held during the morning, rumors persist to the contrary. . . . The memorial service to Dr. King, although of necessity hastily put together, was received well by the entire student body. . . . Student Council has taken all possible action regarding the addition of vocational representatives to the Council. The matter now remains in the hands of the office. . . . Students these days seem overly time conscious; at the stroke of 12:31 during the sports assembly, the back of the auditorium and the balcony tore out. The ten extra minutes of school spirit wouldn't have hurt any of them.

# Letters To The Editor:

## What's Behind the Negative Vote Comprehensive Exams - A Failure?

by Cindy Schultz

Much discontent has been heard throughout the halls of PHS concerning the two-hour final examinations and why the Student Council voted to oppose them.

Discussion began at Student Council meetings early in the school year. Mr. Murphy attended some meetings to propose his decisions concerning the final exams. If continued this year, Mr. Murphy stated, the exams would be given the last week of the school year, and students would not receive their fourth term grades until the following school year in September. After discussing Mr. Murphy's plan, the Student Council voted to oppose the two-hour final system.

In considering the future students to pass through PHS, the Council will ask the School Committee to keep an open mind on the re-institution of the exams if future classes desire them.

To the editors of In General: In the last issue of our student newspaper, I found a tiny article concerning the work of the Student Council. In this article, I read that the high school's two-hour comprehensive finals have been abolished by a vote of 12 to 1. Amazed, I went to speak to a classmate on the Student Council and told her my feelings on the matter. She gave me the impression that I was standing alone against a wave of opposition. But since the editors of the paper have also come out in favor of final exams conducted in this manner, I realize that other students may agree with me.

Two - hour comprehensive exams are valid for three main reasons. First of all, no 37-minute test (the average length of a test given in one class period) can possibly measure with a reasonable accuracy the amount

by Ethel Harris

a student has learned in one full year. To count such an exam as one-fifth of our final grade is both foolish and unfair. Perhaps this method is adequate for a term's work, maybe even for a semester, but certainly not a year.

Secondly, departmentals tend to put more pressure on the students than a two-hour exam would, because during final exam periods no regular classes would be held. The student could take a test for two hours, go home, and study for the next day's test without worrying about homework in four other major subjects. During the mid-years, I found that it was impossible to study for both departmentals and do the work for four other classes the next day. I ended up cramming for tests more than ever, because there was no time to study for the exams in advance.

Thirdly, taking two-hour exams prepares a student to take the long tests generally given for college entrance exams and in college itself. Sitting through a three-hour SAT last month wasn't quite so bad after last spring's two-hour finals. Since more and more tests in college are of the essay type rather than multiple-choice, an essay test would help to prepare the student well for college work.

Many attacks have been leveled against last year's final exams system, but many of them are trivial and can be easily remedied. Teachers say that they don't like to make up long exams, but giving departmentals and teaching classes during the same week is not much easier for them. Some say that making up a two-hour exam in commercial or household arts curricula is absurd, but in some subjects the exam might be optional and students could attend regular classes instead.

Perhaps the comprehensive exam system didn't work out so well last year. There are many problems yet to be solved - perhaps another year might help to straighten them out. A satisfactory testing system is too important to our students for us to reject a new idea after only one trial.

### Spring In

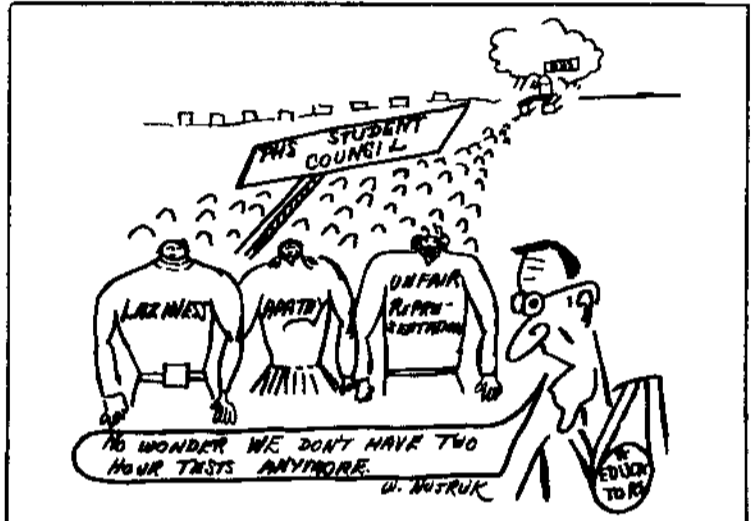
by Dick Shapiro

The BERKSHIRE HILLS SHOP is presently showing some fabulous springwear. Warm weather has arrived and so have the handsome lightweight jackets and shirts.

There are three top styles to watch out for. A dæron and cotton lightweight garment, the three-buttoned and zippered tiger jacket has a knit collar and cuff. The British tan shooter's jacket is trimmed with genuine leather on the button holes. This sharp dæron and rayon jacket also has a button cuff and a Nehru collar. The BERKSHIRE HILLS SHOP offers a striking whaler jacket by Peters. Shirt tails and a collar with a zippered hood are some features on this cotton jacket that reverses to all nylon, inside.

Shirts are surely swinging this spring. Try on a double-breasted rayon pullover by La Strada with a mock turtle front. Colors to choose are black, gold, rust, or marine. The most popular shirts are Furlan's knitted half-sleeve, pin-striped ones with a white background. For variety, check the all cotton Terry cloth shirt with a knitted waistband and stripes on the neck and sleeves. The BERKSHIRE HILLS SHOP stocks Manhattan's ban-lon short sleeve shirt. This mock turtle neck shirt comes in twelve colors. Select a handsome bronze or olive green shirt for Saturday night. For shirt sleeve knits, slip on the nylon and cotton neck striped shirt by Forum in gold, black, sky blue, and pink.

Stop in and examine the fine spring jackets and shirts. Be in fashion with some new clothes from the BERKSHIRE HILLS SHOP.



### Yes, Virginia, There Is A Student Council...I Think

by Billy Levy

The April 4, 1968, issue of In General proved to be quite interesting for many students. It seems that we were provided with the news not only that the Student Council exists, but that it has actually been doing something. Unfortunately, the rest of the news was not all pleasant.

Despite the fact that the Student Council seems to have served more or less as a semi-exclusive club, this, by itself, is still tolerable. However, the Council has decided to start making rulings on curriculum. They have recommended that the two hour tests be cancelled and the School Board has accepted this recommendation.

### Memorial Services

#### Missed Point

by Greg Sammons

To the Editor of the In General: The memorial service Pittsfield High School held for Dr. Martin Luther King created within me a rather mixed response. There were individual parts that were to some degree emotionally moving but taken as a whole the program left a bad taste in my mouth, and up until a few days ago, I couldn't really figure out why.

In late April we received a bulletin published monthly by the New England Committee for Non-Violent Action. In it, Barbara Deming posed the question, "Why is Martin Luther King being honored?" That is the question that our own memorial exercise presented but did not answer either sufficiently or honestly. That is the question that Barbara Deming answered with candor and accuracy:

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Those who opposed the tests stated that they would be too much work, and some worried about how much the tests might influence one's marks (which was unfounded since with either type of test, their value was decided by the department heads and individual teachers). There was also a question of whether too much time would be wasted when the tests were taken. The attack of this point was the most idealistic, since it was argued that time didn't have to be wasted despite the fact that our school system seems to be quite adept at wasting time through poor planning and/or management.

Anyway, the student body as a whole voted for the tests to be implemented, and they were carried out last year. Now, thirteen students (one above a quorum) have overruled the entire

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# Briggs Fires No-Hitter

by Jim DiSilva

In baseball there is a saying that goes, "You can't hit what you can't see," and the Monument Mt. baseball team more than proved it. Senior right-hander, Jim Briggs, the man who put the no hit spell in the Spartans, whitewashed them 13-0.

Briggs, plagued with control problems last year, has shown no signs of it so far this season. In two games, he has pitched twelve and a third innings, giving up only two hits and no earned runs. He has struck out sixteen and walked only five batters while hitting only one. He is also 2-0 for the season.

Jim is only the second General to pitch a no-hitter in almost five years: Jerry Frestia accomplished the feat in 1963. Jim fed the Spartans a good hard fastball and a good breaking slider throughout the contest. He threw only 105 pitches and faced just thirty-two batters. Fourteen Spartans were fanned, six in succession in the seventh and eighth innings. From the fourth inning on, Briggs set down the last eighteen batters in order.

Jim has accepted a baseball scholarship to the University of Connecticut. Although major league scouts looked over Jim last year, it is expected that more scouts from the Atlanta Braves, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, Boston Red Sox, Washington Senators and the Oakland Athletics, will take another look at him. This time, though,

### Vietnam Debate

There will be a forum on Vietnam after school in the auditorium on Wednesday, May 15, 1968. All students are urged to come and participate. Panel members will present their views and the debate will then be opened to questions and statements from the audience.

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Paul Metallo: Second time around

## Sportsman of the Month

by Marvin Kennedy



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Paul Metallo, an all-year-round sportsman who has been cited many times for his skill in football and track.

get seems to be Jim Briggs. Jim threw a no-hitter against Monument Mountain on his first start this year. Keep up the good work Jim, Mark Belanger is getting lonely in Baltimore!

Well, Baseball, you almost had your Sportsman of the Month winner, until Paul Metallo broke the 100 yard dash record, and placed in three other events. But just look on the bright side of things: with Track out of the way, all you have to worry about is Golf and Tennis.

As far as track goes, Pittsfield High still has enough talent to easily take their 5th Western Mass. Championship in a row.

Co-Captains Paul Metallo and Paul Augenstein have already led their team to victory in two dual meets and at the Springfield Steele relays.

Pittsfield High has finally come up with a coach for the Tennis Team. Physical education teacher and wrestling coach, George Sylvester promises to build up this team and lead them to victory.

For the second time this year, Sportsman of the Month will go to Paul Metallo. This is the first time that this honor has been bestowed twice to one person in one year.

Paul, co-captain of this year's track team, has led the team to victory for the last three years. The team itself, under Coach Rudy Benedetti, has taken the Western Massachusetts Championships four years in a row.

Paul is currently the fastest student ever in the history of the PHS Track team. In a meet April 19 against West Springfield and Drury, he broke the 100 yard dash record, moving it from 10.1 second to a fantastic 9.9 seconds. Since then, he and sophomore Frank Treia have come very close to matching this record.

Paul also broke another record this year when Pittsfield downed top-ranked Cathedral High 88-43. Although the previous record set in 1964 in the 220 yard dash was 22.6 seconds, Paul cut 1/2 second off his old time, bringing it down to 21.9. To top everything off Paul also is a repeated winner in the javelin throw. Early in the year Paul was chosen Sportsman of the Month because of his football ability.

Paul, a C.P. student, has been accepted at Connecticut Central College where he will major either in History or Physical Education. At college Paul hopes to continue in Football and Track. Paul will always be remembered as the great athlete who led the PHS Generals to the 1968 Western Mass. Class Football Championship and to three (hopefully) Western Mass. Class AA Track Championships.

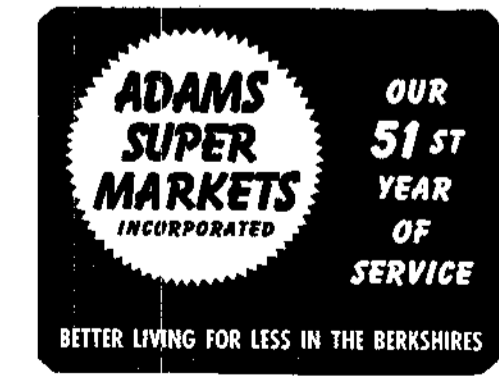
## PHS Trackmen Trample Springfield Area Schools

by Thom Sacchetti

Twenty schools gathered at East Longmeadow High School on Saturday, April 27, to participate in the Dr. George E. Steele Relays. The 19 other schools, all from the Springfield district, were trampled with Pittsfield winning five events, and taking three second place finishes. Pittsfield won the two glamor events, the mile and the pole vault, as well as the 440 relay, javelin, and discus. In the 880, two mile, and high jump, PHS was the runner-up. In the overall picture, Frontier Regional trailed Pittsfield by winning two events, the sprint medley and long jump. Agawam came in first in the 880 and shared first place in the shuttle relay with North Hampton. Cathedral won in the distance medley, Amherst in the two mile, West Springfield in the shot put, and Westfield in the high jump. Pittsfield High won the mile about 80 yards over its nearest challenger, East Longmeadow. This event started off with Kirk Brown, who then handed the baton to Frank Treia. Next was Price Hutchins, who increased the lead to 50 yards, and last was Jim Bagdonas. Paul Augenstein gained a victory for Pittsfield in the pole vault event with an eleven foot leap. Amherst defeated Pittsfield in the two mile only by a margin of ten seconds. Although the rain and cold weather hampered some of the later events, the track was in excellent condition.

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